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LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The PTO is requested to use the amended sheets/claims attached hereto (which correspond to Article 19 amendments or to claims attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report (Article 34)) during prosecution of the above-identified national phase PCT application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Amendment under 34

1. (amended) A direct backlight-type liquid crystal display device, including a liquid crystal panel, lamps which are disposed in the rear of the liquid crystal panel, a reflection plate which is disposed in the rear of the lamps, and a die-cast frame for supporting the reflection plate,

wherein the die-cast frame is an integral structure comprising outer frame pieces having projecting pieces which project toward the liquid crystal panel and at least one or more linkage pieces which are provided for linking the longer sides of the outer frame pieces to each other;

an aperture space which is enclosed by the outer frame pieces and the linkage pieces is formed; and

a space for accommodating the lamps therein is formed by the projecting pieces.

Claims 2-9 are maintained without amendment under 34.

AMENDED SHEETS